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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Hainburg, Traiskirchen, St. Poelten, Camp Spratzern,  
Korneuburg and Stockerau

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REMARKS

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1. On 15 December 1952, the former Pionier Kaserne on Hummel Strasse on the northwest slope of the Schlossberg (hill), Hainburg (P 49/X 84) was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A lieutenant colonel and a captain wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were frequently seen entering and leaving the installation. Ten motor vehicles and five trucks with rocket launchers, the guide rails of which protruded as far as the front edge of the cab, were seen in the barracks area from a hill opposite the installation. Two tank trucks 25X1C
- 25X1C were seen near the entrance. Driving school trucks each occupied by five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, left the installation. Austrian craftsmen were engaged in repair work at the entrance and the guardroom. The banners at the installation looked new. 1
2. On 15 December, 4 armored scout cars, 6 guns without muzzle brakes on blocks and 19 trucks were seen in the garages of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal Educational Establishment) in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). Trucks 25X1C were seen in the installation area. Twenty-seven soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with rifles and including four, who carried two disassembled about 50-mm mortars marched from the installation to the drill ground. They were commanded by an officer. At the drill grounds they constructed mortar emplacements. Three field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and four majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen leaving and entering the building opposite the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt. 2
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3. On 16 December, 2 jeeps and 2 trucks, 25X1C were seen at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht (county court) on Schiesstattring, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88), and jeep 25X1C near the officers' club in the Stadtsaele (halls). Drivers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Six motor vehicles were observed through three open doors of the garages west of the former Kreisgericht, which were guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. An amphibious car and three trucks were seen in front of the garage in the yard of the Eugen Kaserne. Three trucks and two tank trucks were seen in the yard and 12 motor vehicles were seen through the partly open doors of the garages in the Rainer Kaserne. Three trucks, 25X1C

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radio truck were seen in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne, which was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets.

4. On 16 December, two sedans and a jeep were seen at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht in St. Poelten; and jeeps [REDACTED] 25X1C and trucks [REDACTED] were seen in front of [REDACTED] 25X1C the officers' club in the Stadtsaale. The latter five vehicles were occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] 25X1C driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, left the garages west of the former Kreisgericht. Two amphibious cars were in front of the garage in the yard of the Eugen Kaserne. Three trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C [REDACTED] were in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne. Truck [REDACTED] was in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne which was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C [REDACTED] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets respectively left the Schiesstattring near the Franz Josef Kaserne.

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5. On 16 December, jeep [REDACTED] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, on the latter truck, with tank insignia, were seen en route from and to Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten. Sentries observed at the camp wore red-bordered black epaulets.

6. [REDACTED] did not see any troops drilling or weapons and equipment in Camp Spratzern. Motor vehicles en route between Camp Spratzern and St. Poelten included: trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C [REDACTED] and weapon carrier [REDACTED]. All vehicles were occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sedan [REDACTED] 25X1C was occupied by a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and was en route toward Vienna. The driver wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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7. On 17 December, truck [REDACTED] left the office on Hoven Gasse, Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). Two jeeps and a truck were seen in front of the building. Motor vehicle [REDACTED] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Albrechts Kaserne. Weapon carrier [REDACTED] was seen in the yard of the ration supply depot at Bahnhof's Platz. Another cantonment was being dismantled in the camp on the road to Bisamberg (hill), thus reducing the number of buildings there to three. [REDACTED] any weapons or motor vehicles in the camp on the road to Leobendorf. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets.

8. On 17 December, 33 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21), coming from the firing range. Trailer [REDACTED] was seen in front of the Artillerie 25X1C Kaserne and trucks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. 4

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1. Comment. Information in the present report tends to indicate that the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg has been occupied by a rocket launcher unit since December 1952. It remains to be seen, whether this unit is the 15th Gds RI Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div. According to their numbers, the two driving school trucks leaving the installation probably belonged to the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The four armored scout cars, six guns on blocks and the unit armed with mortars observed in Traiskirchen, probably belong to the 45th Gds Mecz Regt stationed there. [REDACTED] were previously reported from Traiskirchen; therefore, it is believed that the vehicles belong to the 45th Gds Mecz Regt.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] it can, therefore, be assured that the vehicles belong to the 23d AAA Div.

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